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### **Examiner's Amendment**

1. In response to the "Order Returning Undocketed Appeal to Examiner" dated 8/14/2009, and the Appellant's Reply Brief filed 3/5/2009, the Reply Brief has been NOTED and acknowledged by the Examiner.

**Since no further response by the appellant is deemed necessary, the application has been forwarded to the Board of Appeals and Interferences for decision on the Appeal.**

### ***Conclusion***

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frantzy Poinvil whose telephone number is (571) 272-6797. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:00AM to 5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexander Kalinowski can be reached on (571) 272-6771. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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